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Re my telegram 107 to Tehran..

PANAM LSM sailed Khosrowabad for Gulf 1030 local today with escort IIN PCS and one MTB. From Saidvni opposite FAO personally observed ships pass without incident. Similar escort to bring second LSM up river tomorrow yet undetermined time.

Crews all IIN ships this morning, including those anchored Khorramshahr naval base, as action stations wearing Mae Wests and helmets. Troops digging foxholes Khosrowabad. No signs Iraqi troop or river movements visible from Iranian side river or from PANAM helicopter but frigate BABR seen at anchor near Iraqi pilot ship outer bar.

Comment: Believe Iraqis knew in advance of down river move today but doubt they expect up river transit tomorrow which they might consider insult to injury.

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